Government has set up Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) to provide reactive and proactive support to the cyber incidents in India, besides, introducing a Bill to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000, in the Lok Sabha on 15.12.2006 to provide for insertion of legal provisions to address various computer crimes.

Chinese workers in restricted area

2578. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed the Chinese engineers to work in a restricted area in Rajasthan, close to India's border with Pakistan in violation of national immigration laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the action on the part of Government to allow Chinese engineers to work in a restricted area is going to leak several important and confidential points; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government of India had ratified the decision of the Government of Rajasthan in granting permission to seven Chinese nationals to visit and work at the work site of a thermal power plant being set up in a Protected Area in Rajasthan. This ratification was done on the recommendation of the State Government of Rajasthan, after obtaining the requisite clearances from the concerned security agency.

(c) and (d) No Sir. The permit granted to visit restricted/protected areas is limited to the particular work site at a specific location in the protected area and that a close watch is kept by the State Government on the movement of the foreigners in that area.

Recruiting women constables in BSF

2579. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to recruit women constables in the BSF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose behind recruiting women constables in the BSF;

(d) whether the areas/borders have been identified where such women guards are to deployed; and

(e) if so, to what extent it will help in checking smuggling activities across the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) 745 women constables are to be recruited in BSF during 2008 primarily for search frisking of women on Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders. It is expected to check smuggling activities where women are suspected to be involved.